

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 925

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A RESOLUTION to honor Four-Star General Carl Wade Stiner, co-author of *Shadow Warriors: Inside the Special Forces*, a best-selling book.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to honor those persons whose professional achievements have redounded to the benefit of the public good; and

WHEREAS, General Carl Stiner is one such person, whose brilliant and distinguished military career has led to a prominent role in contributing to *Shadow Warriors*, co-authored by Tom Clancy about the U.S. Special Forces; and

WHEREAS, born in LaFollette, General Stiner was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U. S. Army in May, 1958, following graduation from the Tennessee Polytechnical Institute with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture. He later earned a Master of Science degree in Public Administration from Shippensburg State College; and

WHEREAS, General Stiner was the Second Commander-in-Chief of the United States Special Operations Command headquartered at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, from May, 1990 to May, 1993. As Commander-in-Chief, he was responsible for the readiness of all Special Operations Forces of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, both in active duty and the reserves; and

WHEREAS, his major assignments include duty as Company Commander of the 5th Battalion, 1st Training Brigade. From August, 1964 until May, 1966, he was assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group as Detachment Command and Company Operations Officer; and

WHEREAS, following a tour in Southeast Asia, General Stiner reported for assignment to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, U. S. Army, Washington, D.C., as Personnel Staff Officer, and, in 1970, he transferred to the Office of the Secretary of the Army to serve as Assistant Deputy Secretary of the General Staff; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from the Army War College in June, 1975, he was assigned as Assistant Project Manager for Training Management with the Saudi Arabian National Guard Modernization Program in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia; and

WHEREAS, in March, 1980, General Stiner joined the Rapid Deployment Joint Task Force at MacDill Air Force Base as its Chief of Staff. In August, 1983, he returned to Washington, D.C. for assignment to the Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff as Assistant Deputy Director, the Politico-Military Affairs, the J-5, and the Plans and Policy Directorate; and

WHEREAS, he returned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, in August, 1984 to serve as Commanding General of the Joint Special Operations Command. In January, 1987, he became Commanding General of the 82nd Airborne Division, and, in October 1988, he became Commanding General of the XVIII Airborne Corps; and

WHEREAS, General Stiner was reassigned in June, 1990 to serve as Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Special Operations Command at MacDill. He retired in June, 1993 with more than 35 years of service; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, General Carl Stiner is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Sue; together, they are the proud parents of two daughters, Laurie and Carla; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body is proud to honor those distinguished Tennesseans whose personal and professional achievements epitomize greatness; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend General Carl Stiner on his exemplary military career and congratulate him for his contributions to the best-selling book, *Shadow Warriors: Inside the Special Forces*.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.